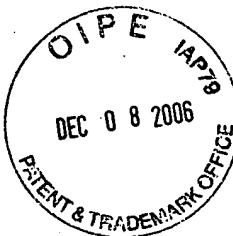


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As per our phone conversation, the following is a revised proposed examiner's amendment to include Claim 56. Please review and contact me at 571-272-4504.

## Proposed

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 2-4 and 6-9 have been cancelled.

In claim 10, line 1, "Apparatus according to Claim 7" has been changed to --A combination of a progressive die and a strip of lamination material according to claim 22--

Claim 11 has been cancelled.

In claim 13, line 1, after "shaped", --motor-- has been added.

line 8, "at least one slot" has been replaced with --a plurality of laterally extending slots--,

lines 8-9, "at least two" has been replaced with --four angled--

line 18, after "outer sides.", the following has been added --trimming said outer sides of said discs so as to remove two of said four bridges positioned endmost adjacent said outer sides following said intermediate stations,--

Claims 14-15 and 17-19 have been cancelled.

In claim 20, line 1, "A progressive die according to Claim 19" has been changed to --A combination of a progressive die and a strip of lamination material according to claim 22--.

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In claim 21, line 1, "A progressive die" has been changed to --A combination of a progressive die and a strip of lamination material--.

In claim 22,

line 1, after "A", --combination of a-- has been added,

line 2, after "die stations" has been changed to --adjacent die stations including an initial die station and additional die stations following said initial die station--

lines 8-9, "at least two" has been changed to --four angled--,

line 10, after "punch for", --punching a plurality of laterally extending slots-- has been added, "at least two" has been changed to --four--.

line 16, after "center line", --at said additional die stations-- has been added, after "outer sides," , --said die further includes punches for trimming said outer sides of said sections so as to remove two of said four bridges positioned endmost adjacent said outer sides following said additional die stations,-- .

In claim 23, line 1, after "A", --combination of a-- has been added,

line 2, "said at least two" has been changed to --said four--.

In claim 24, line 1, "A progressive die as set forth in claim 3" has been replaced with --A combination of a progressive die and a strip of lamination material according to claim 22--.

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In claim 25, line 1, "A progressive die as set forth in Claim 24" has been replaced with --A combination of a progressive die and a strip of lamination material according to claim 24--.

Claims 26-27, 30-31, and 47-48 have been cancelled.

In claim 52, line 1, "A progressive die according to Claim 20" has been changed to --A combination of a progressive die and a strip of lamination material according to claim 20--.

In claim 53, line 1, after "A", --combination of a-- has been added.

In claim 54, line 1, after "A", --combination of a-- has been added.

Claims 55 and 57-60 have been cancelled.

In claim 56,

line 1, "An" has been replaced with --A combination of an--, after "die assembly", --and a strip of lamination material, said die assembly-- has been added,

line 2, after "die stations", --including an initial die station and additional die stations following said initial die station-- has been added,

line 3, "the die" has been changed to --die--,

line 9, "at least one elongate slot" has been changed to --a plurality of elongate slots--,

line 10, "a plurality of" has been changed to --four angled--,

line 11, "said at least one elongate" has been changed to --said elongate slots--, "said plurality of" has been changed to --said four--,

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line 22, after "lateral direction", --at said additional die stations, said die assembly further includes punches for trimming outer sides of said discs so as to remove two of said four bridges positioned endmost adjacent said outer sides following said additional die stations-- has been added,

line 25, "said at least one elongate slot and said plurality of" has been changed to --said elongate slots and said four--.

In claim 61, line 1, "60" has been changed to --13--,

line 2, "and accurately locating" has been deleted.

In claim 62, lines 1-2, " 59" has been changed to --13--, "the step of providing a plurality of die stations" has been changed to --said plurality of stations--,

line 2, "providing" has been deleted.

Claims 63-64 have been cancelled.

In claim 65, line 1, "15" has been changed to --13--,

line 2, "said at least two" has been changed to --said four--.

Claims 66-87 have been cancelled.